

PERSEVERE.

BY JOHN BROUGHAN.

Robert, the Bruce, in his dungeon stood, Waiting the hour of doom, Behind him the palace of Holyrood, Before him the nameless tomb.

"I have sat on the royal seat of Scone," He muttered before his death; "It's a useless change, from a kingly throne To a felon's shameful death."

"Time and again I have fronted the tide Of the tyrant's vast army, But only to see, on the crimson tide, My hopes swept far away;

"Work! work! like a fool, to the certain loss, Like myself, of your time and pain, The space is but a moment, and the life is but a breath; You but waste your strength in vain."

"And Bruce for the moment forgot his grief, His soul now filled with the sure belief That, however the issue went, For evil or good, he was content— And come there shadow or come there shine, The spider is spinning his thread so fine."

As a gambler watches the turning card On which his all is staked; As a mother waits for the hopeful word For which her soul has ach'd; It was thus Bruce watched, with every sense Centred alone in the look intense;

Now white, now red, but as still as death; Yet come there shadow or come there shine, The spider is spinning his thread so fine. Six several times the creature tried, When at the seventh, "See, see," He has spun his web, and captive cried; "Lo! a bridge of hope to me; Thee, God, I thank, for this lesson here Has tutored my soul to PERSEVERE!"

And it served him well, for ere long he wore In freedom the crown of a lecture before; And come there shadow or come there shine, The spider is spinning his thread so fine.

CRUELTY TO TURTLES. Interesting Letter from Professor Agassiz. We have received a copy of the following correspondence:—"New York, August 7.—Professor Louis Agassiz:—My Dear Sir:—A society has been recently formed in this State for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Its incorporators and officers are among the first gentlemen of our city, and it has entered upon its career under the most flattering auspices, encouraged by the almost unanimous approval of the press and the public.

Already, during its brief existence, it has effected a number of reforms, and in the wide and varied field inviting its humane labors, it hopes to accomplish many more. I send you herewith an article giving quite a full account of the objects of this society, of what it has done and proposes to do. My special object, however, in writing is to ask you, on behalf of the society, to lecture before it at some time during the coming fall, on the turtle, with particular reference to its power of sensation.

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"In view of this difference of opinion, and of the fact that, on account thereof, it is still the constant practice of dealers in turtles to keep them without food or water, lying on their backs, their flesh pierced with cords to secure them, this society has been seriously stated in exposition of your views on the subject above mentioned, assured, as it is, that no other person can speak with equal authority thereon."

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simply absurd. It is true that they can live for a long time without food or drink; but they do feel pain, and are indeed very sensitive to some injuries. That of turning them upside down, among others, is sufficient, for instance, to prevent their eggs from hatching. Their suffering may be inferred from the violent and convulsive movements to which the perturbation of their fins gives rise. And yet to this proceeding dealers in turtles generally resort in order to then more closely and pack a larger number in a smaller space. Of course, when tied in this manner, they suffer less by being turned upon their backs, because their fins are freed from the pressure of their whole weight; but from the best evidence I can afford that they suffer if they die it is much protracted; and yet turtles are among the animals which resist longest and longest to food. This is not the fact that they may die merely from the attitude in which they are forcibly kept the most complete evidence of their suffering? For what else would cause death, if not pain and the unnatural pressure of parts brought into unaccustomed positions?"

"Having gone so far, let me call your attention to the dangers arising from ill-treatment of beef cattle before slaughtering them. While I have been lecturing in the city of Paris, I suffered from the quality of the beef sold in the public market, deteriorated because the oxen and cows killed in the city were brought in from a considerable distance, and were often kept long days without food. This is not the fact that a company was formed to bring, by steam, beef killed upon the farms; and everybody felt the difference in the condition of the meat and its nutritive qualities."

"I am, dear Sir, your most obedient servant, L. AGASSIZ."

BILIOUSNESS. With a greater amount of bile in the blood than is natural, the result is that the eyes and the skin begin to wear a yellow appearance, while various other symptoms manifest themselves, according to the habits and peculiarities of the individual; one has sick headache; another complains of a want of appetite, sometimes loathing the very appearance of food; a third has cold feet and hands; a fourth has chills, or rigors, or shivering, or the whole body, or running up and down the back; a fifth is constive; women become hysterical, and laugh, cry, or talk, while men are moody, peevish, or morose. Bile is naturally a bright yellow color, but as it is mixed with other fluids, it grows darker, and is at length as black as a scowl is on the countenance, and the person is ill-natured and irritable. Finding that with everything and everything; hence, when a man is cross he is bilious, and ought to be purged, and at the same time to take an emetic.

The ill-natured are never well; they are irritable, and the system of machinery does not work well, and both mind and body are disordered. The safest and best method of getting rid of biliousness is steady work in the open air for six or eight hours a day, working, exercising to the extent of keeping up a gentle moisture on the skin. This moisture carries the bile away out of the system. The same result will be accomplished, but not so well, by a good steam bath, or by trapping up in bed, drinking teas, and "rectifying" the bile from the blood. The diet for several days should consist of coarse bread and fruit. Medicines which "act on the liver" will do no good, but they should be advised by the physician, when other means have failed.

The office of the liver is to withdraw the bile from the blood. It is the largest workshop of the body, and is at the right side, about the lower end of the ribs. When it does its work it is said to be "torpid"—asleep—and medicines are given to stimulate it, wake it up, make it act, work faster than common, so as to throw off the excess of bile. When it does not do its work, the bile accumulates in the blood, the skin grows yellow, and it is called the "jaundice." When it separates the bile from the blood, it hopes to accomplish many more. I send you herewith an article giving quite a full account of the objects of this society, of what it has done and proposes to do. My special object, however, in writing is to ask you, on behalf of the society, to lecture before it at some time during the coming fall, on the turtle, with particular reference to its power of sensation.

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REPLY OF PROFESSOR AGASSIZ. "NARRATE, September 27.—Dear Sir:—It would give me the greatest pleasure to co-operate with your society, for I sympathize heartily with the object you have in view."

"But my life is absorbed with other duties, and with the best will I cannot do more than what I have already engaged to do."

"Excuse me, therefore, if I answer but briefly your special questions. To meet you in New York and expound publicly my views upon this subject, is out of the question."

"I need not tell you that men have always chosen enough to justify their wrong doing. So it was with the slave trade; so it is to-day with the turtle market. And though black men are more likely to be protected hereafter, their former sufferings during long sea voyages are on record, and humanity shudders at the tale. Water men may ever be refined enough to feel their guilt when they torment animals remains to be seen, and your society will no doubt do its share in educating them in that direction. But to say that turtles do not suffer when dragged from their natural haunts, tied that they may not be able to move, turned upside down, etc., is

one pipe it to the vat. The water being heavier than the turpentine, the two will not mix, and the water goes to the bottom, while the turpentine remains at the top. At the bottom of the vat is a spigot and a trough. After the water is run off, the turpentine descends and passes through to barrels placed underneath. The fluid is then ready for market. After boiling the crude turpentine until the steam ceases to ascend, the material in the bottom is called resin. As soon as the turpentine ceases running the steam-pipes are taken off, and the boiling resin-skimmed by means of a wire net attached to a long handle. This skimming is done for the purpose of taking all the dirt that collects with the turpentine while in the boxes of the trees. As soon as it is skimmed it is left from the boiler, by means of a small pipe, to a large trough, where, and where it is placed in barrels and ready for market also. This distillation of turpentine is very simple, but requires great care. Fire is the great danger.

While the spirits produced by distillation are of nearly uniform quality, there is a great difference in the value of the refuse, or rosin. Some is white and nearly transparent, some dark and of little value. In fact, immense quantities accumulate round every still, simply because it is not worth the cost of transportation, though if it were brought to market it might be used for a variety of purposes. Before the distilled turpentine is put into barrels they are coated with a preparation of glue, to prevent leakage. The general practice is for several parties to carry the raw product to the still, selling it at a stipulated price, or paying so much per gallon for the spirits distilled.

Wilmington, North Carolina, is the great center of the turpentine trade. North Carolina, in fact, devotes more attention to this branch of industry than any other State, her whole eastern section being an immense pine region.

Of the importance of turpentine and its kindred products to art and manufactures, we say nothing, as it is a subject which we know of. There are improved modes of obtaining it, which will prevent the great waste of the present system, and tend to increase the supply and diminish the price of this necessary article.

The Eyebrow.—The eyebrow is one of the most expressive features in the human face. We must all of us have observed how prodigiously its line varies; how in one case the eyebrow will slant upwards from the root of the nose towards the temple—as in the popular idea of Memphis—towards the reverse way, the eyebrows elevated where they approach more nearly towards each other, and drooping as they near the temples. This slant will very commonly be exhibited in devotional pictures of saints and others engaged in supplication. Sometimes, again, these features will adhere to a line which is very nearly, or quite straight, and at some times—very commonly, by-the-way—there will be an angle at or near the middle of the eyebrow, an obtuse angle with the point upwards. Lastly, this feature will occasionally exhibit the segment of a circle, presenting that arched form which is so much and so generally admired. All these forms, and endless variations of each of them, are taken by the eyebrow, and not one of them without a great and manifest advantage to the face.

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